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- 1. IN SEPTEMBER 1976 ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON GOING NEGOTIATIOS WITH GREAT NORDIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY (DANISH) WITH A VIEW TO HAVING A GROUND STATION ON LINE BY 1979. FACILITY WOULD COST AN ESTIMATED \$4.5 MILLION (\$2 TO \$3 MILLION FOR THAT STATION ITSELF) AND WOULD BE USED FOR TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, TELEX AND TV RECEPTION FROM ABROAD.
- 2. AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH GREAT NORDIC MARCH 1977
 FOR A GROUND STATION WITH ICELAND TO OWN A MAJORITY SHARE.
 GOI OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED EARLIER THAT A STATION WITH CAPACITY
 OF ABOUT 300 CHANNELS WOULD BE REQUIRED. THE STATION WOULD
 RECEIVE SIGNALS FROM TANUM, UK AND US AND MAKE USE OF TWO
 SATELLITES, ONE ABOVE THE EQUATOR AT 5 DEGREES EAST
 LONGITUDE (3 CHANNELS) AND ANOTHER AT 31 DEGREES
 WEST LONG. (5 CHANNELS).
- 3. FYI. AT A RECENT PRESENTATION BY REP FROM COLLINS UNCLASSIFIED

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RADIO GROUP (ROCKWELL INTL) OF TYPE B STATION, ICELANDIC POST AND TELEGRAPH DIRECTOR SKULASON MAKE CLEAR THAT ANY GROUND STATION MUST BE ABLE TO HANDLE AT LEAST 150 CHANNELS AND WOULD HAVE TO BE A TYPE A STATION. (EARLIER STUDIES HAD INDICATED THE NEED FOR A 32 METER PARABOLIC ANTENNA.) IPT OFFICIALS TODAY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT STUDIES WERE STILL GOING ON AND

THAT TENDER DOCUMENTS WOULD NOT LIKELY BE READY
BEFORE THIS SUMMER.
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